

## House Resolution No. 936

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri couple who have enjoyed tremendous personal success through the bonds of Holy Matrimony; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mercer, cherished residents of Harrisonville, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on February 28, 2004, with a festive celebration held at the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church; and

**Whereas**, it was on February 27, 1954, that Joseph W. Mercer took the hand of his beautiful bride, N. Frances Holiman, and together they were joined in marriage before the eyes of God during a memorable wedding ceremony at the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Kansas City; and

**Whereas**, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Mercer provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones through thirty-four years of stellar employment with Graves truck line, during which time he received many Safe Driving Awards and somehow found the time and energy to serve as a volunteer driver for Harrisonville Reserve-A-Ride and Dave's handicap service for thirteen years; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Mercer enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as an assistant teacher for Headstart, employee of the Social Security Administration in Kansas City, volunteer driver for Harrisonville Reserve-A-Ride, and recipient of numerous bowling and church awards and certificates for poetry; and

**Whereas**, Joseph and Frances Mercer have relished every moment they have spent nurturing their two children, Jerry Dean Mercer and Kirk Lynn Mercer (deceased), and spoiling their four wonderful grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Joseph and Frances Mercer often reflect upon the joys and rewards they have experienced during their fifty years of marriage and look forward to beginning their sixth decade of wedded success and happiness:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Joseph and Frances Mercer upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to walk hand-in-hand along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mercer, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Rex Rector  
District No. 124

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 936, adopted March 8, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker